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This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2008, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before January 9, 2008. 37 CFR §§ 1.8, and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,110.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.



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Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this Response.